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Senate Bill 51

Relating to: the cutoff time for receipt of documents for filing and recording with a register of deeds, federal tax lien forms, and maintenance of county highway registers.

By Senators Olsen, Breske, Grothman, Kedzie, Lassa, Risser and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Wood, Kreibich, Albers, Bies, Gielow, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Krawczyk, LeMahieu, F. Lasee, Musser, Ott, Parisi, Towns, Townsend, Van Roy, Vos, Vrakas, Ward, M. Williams, Freese and Gronemus.

February 08, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

March 17, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Wirch and Breske.

Absent: (1) Senator Kapanke.

Appearances For

- Luther Olsen Senator, 14th Senate District
- Jane Licht Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association
- Francis Thousand Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

Appearances Against

None.

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

- Connie Woolever Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association
- Joan Ballweg Representative, 41st Assembly District
- Cynthia Meudt Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association
- Jayme Sellen Wisconsin Counties Association
- Cindy Wisinski Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association
- Jeff Wood Representative, 67th Assembly District
- Larry Eckert Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association

Registrations Against

None.

April 7, 2005 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Kapanke that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Kapanke, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Bill 51** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson Committee Clerk

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Vote Record Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

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Phillips, Matt

From:

Johnson, Dan (Legislature)

Sent:

Thursday, February 17, 2005 5:03 PM

To:

Phillips, Matt

Subject:

Senate Bill 51 meeting

Matt,

Bill O'Connor is coming in next Thursday to discuss Senate Bill 51, which is in the committee as a "transportation" issue. Anyhow, I'm passing this onto you and if you could sit in on this meeting with Neal (if you choose), I'd appreciate it.

Dan

----Original Message----

From: O'Connor, William [mailto:WOConnor@wheelerlaw.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2005 12:52 PM

To: John

Johnson, Dan (Legislature)

Subject:

SB-27, SB-51

Dear Dan,

I am writing on behalf of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, the professional association of licensed land surveyors in the State.

The WSLS "missed" SB-27 because our Committee was not yet in action. But we have a concern about the bill. In effect, the bill eliminates certain technical requirements for plats and surveys that must be "filed" with the Register of Deeds. Under current law a particular type of paper and ink is required that is considered "permanent". SB-27 would remove these specific requirements and substitute language requiring that these maps be produced as a "permanent nonfading blak image" on "white media".

According to our members, the industry uses ink jet plotters to produce these maps. These maps are produced with black "ink" but the ink used is not permanent. A relatively permanent type of plotter (not in general use) is available only at a very high cost in equipment and supplies.

The WSLS feels that the better approach to the problem would be to have the types of maps affected by SB-27 (and sections of SB-51) "recorded" rather than "filed". As you may know, most all real estate records, including deeds and mortgages, are "recorded" in the Register of Deeds Office. That means that the original is copied by the Register on microfiche or (in some cases) digital media. The original document is then returned to the person affected. Since the document is copied onto a permanet public record, the durability of the original is not critical. (Most deeds are produced using laser printers that do not make a truly permanent image.) Only a handful of documents are "filed" which means they are not copied and returned but are retained by the Register of Deeds. If the maps referenced in the bill were "recorded" instead of "filed" there would be no need for them to be produced using the kind of permanent "ink" that isn't really out there.

That's the short version.

I look forward to discussing this with Sen. Kedzie next week, Thursday the 24th at 11:00. Thanks.

Bill O'Connor



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





Luther S. Olsen

State Senator 14th District

17 February 2005

Senator Neal Kedzie Room 313 South State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison 53707-7882

Dear Neal:

I am writing you today to encourage the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation to hold a hearing on Senate Bill 51. I have worked closely with a number of registers of deeds to draft this legislation, and have worked with Representative Jeff Wood to introduce a companion bill in the Assembly.

SB 51 would provide several technical changes to the way registers of deeds operate that would both save time and resources. For example, under this bill a county board could pass an ordinance providing that the cutoff time for a register of deeds to receive documents for filing and recording be one hour before the close of an official business day. This will allow more offices the time to properly record documents without rushing, thereby reducing the chance for error. The bill also makes technical changes to the recording of certain real estate, tax lien, and probate documents to facilitate and modernize recording.

SB 51 has the support of many registers of deeds across the state, and I am hopeful their requests for these changes will become law. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bill, please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely

Luther Olsen

State Senator, 14th Senate District



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





Misconsin State Legislature

Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation Testimony for SB 51 from State Senator Luther Olsen March 17, 2005

Good morning, Chairman Kedzie and Committee members. Thank you for holding a hearing on SB 51. I introduced this bill after meeting with a number of Registers of Deeds from across the state. Their concerns focused on the importance of modernizing state law to allow Registers of Deeds to perform their jobs more efficiently.

One of their primary concerns was that the state allow for a daily cut-off time for the recording of documents. Currently, if materials are brought in for recording at the end of the workday, registers must complete the recording process that day, increasing the chances of errors in the record, and also increasing the possibility of overtime.

Additionally, the registers asked for changes to state law as it relates to Assessor's Plats. These changes would mean that rather than forcing registers to research every deed and mortgage that crosses their desk, the attorneys drafting the legal description would be responsible for the accuracy of those legal descriptions.

Finally, the legislation addresses modernization. Currently the law requires the use of silver haloid paper. This technology dates back more than four decades to when the Haloid-Xerox Company - which we know today as Xerox Corporation - introduced the paper to the business world. Back then, it virtually eliminated carbon paper, but technology has improved and the use of silver haloid is being phased out in the private sector.

The legislation will allow specific legal documents to be recorded on more modern media, which is widely available.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill today. I look forward to your questions.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



April 5, 2005

Dear Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee members,

As you know, the committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 7 to discuss a Clearinghouse Rule and take Executive action on a few items. I don't believe the meeting will last very long. Information regarding the four individual appointments will be sent to your office today.

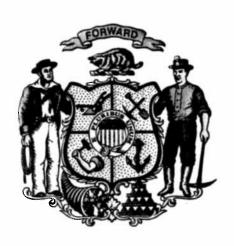
In regards to Senate Bill 51, on March 18th the author introduced an amendment to the bill and a brief explanation follows:

- In its original form, SB 51 addresses modernization for recording plats and certified survey maps. Currently the law requires the use of silver haloid paper. Technology has improved and the use of silver haloid is being phased out in the private sector.
- The legislation will allow specific legal documents to be recorded on more modern media, which is widely available. All these plats are either 17 by 22 inch or 22 by 30 inch, all prepared by licensed Wisconsin surveyors and made of the same materials.
- The amendment to SB 51 extends the modernization aspect to cemetery plats and time share plats. Those two types of plats are not nearly as common as the other types of plats (such as condo and subdivision) and they were inadvertently omitted.

Thank you very much.

Dan Johnson

Clerk, Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee **State Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair** 11th Senate District 608-266-2635



Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee Public Hearing and Exec Session 330 SW, State Capitol April 7, 2005 10:00

Agenda

- 1. Call of the Role
- 2. Agenda

Clearinghouse Rule 04-102 Relating to asbestos permit exemption fees and inspection fees and a program for recovering the exact costs of laboratory fees for sample analysis for the asbestos program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may speak before the committee or simply register your vote on the hearing slips. Be sure to fill out the slips and hand it to the Page.

Following this public hearing, we will be moving into Executive Session on a bill and a few Gubernatorial Appointments.

Brief Summary of Clearinghouse Rule 04-102

The DNR has the authority to increase fees for asbestos demolition and renovation projects. This rule makes several increases. The rule also creates the ability for the Department to charge the costs incurred for laboratory analysis on regulated projects to the regulated parties.

Asbestos program budget for the 2004 Fiscal Year

FTE's	\$75,100
LTE's	\$15,100
Fringe Benefits	\$30,600
Supplies and Services; County Contracts	\$130,754
Other	\$104,346

Total \$355,900

Suggested Fee Schedule

Demolition with less than 160 square feet, or 260 linear feet of Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) would increase to \$75.

Demolition or Renovation with greater than 160 square feet, or 260 linear feet of RACM, but less than 1000 feet combined would increase to \$225.

Demolition or Renovation with equal to or greater than 1000 total feet, but less than 5000 total feet of RACM would increase to \$400.

Demolition or Renovation with equal to or greater than 5000 total feet of RACM would be \$750.

Current Fees vs. New Fees

\$50 increased to \$75 \$150 increased to \$225 \$335 increased to \$400 New Category \$750

Revenue from the Increase

- State statute allows the DNR asbestos program to collect a total of or near \$415,000 per fiscal year.
- The goal of the Notification increase is to collect this amount (an increase of \$185,000).

Projection of Increased Revenue

- With these increases, a total of approximately \$417,500 would be generated.
- This amount would meet the current goals and support a system with 2 FTE's and 1.5 LTE's (three half-time positions).

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES

Senate Bill 51

SA 1 introduced by the author. A motion for adoption of SA 1 to SB 51 is need. A brief explanation of the amendment was sent to your office on Tuesday of this week.

- **MOTION TO ADOPT SA 1 TO SB 51**
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLL CALL
- MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 51 AS AMENDED
- ◆ SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- **✓ ROLL CALL**

Executive Appointments

The four appointments before the committee today have either appeared before a previous Senate Natural Resources committee or been confirmed or are held over from the 2003-05 session.

Either way, these four individuals have received approval by the Senate or Senate Committee. The Chair felt that calling them down to Madison (some who would have to travel several hours) for a very brief appearance was too much of an inconvenience.

- MOTION TO RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION
- SECOND
- **DISCUSSION**
- ROLL CALL



February 8, 2005 – Introduced by Senators Olsen, Breske, Grothman, Kedzie, Lassa, Risser and Roessler, cosponsored by Representatives Wood, Kreibich, Albers, Bies, Gielow, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Krawczyk, LeMahieu, F. Lasee, Musser, Ott, Parisi, Towns, Townsend, Van Roy, Vos, Vrakas, Ward, M. Williams, Freese and Gronemus. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

AN ACT to renumber 236.295 (2); to amend 59.20 (3) (c), 70.27 (3) (a), 83.01 (7) (g), 236.25 (2) (a), 236.34 (1) (c), 703.11 (2) (d), 867.045 (1) (j) and 867.046 (2) (i); and to create 59.43 (2m) (d) 4., 236.295 (2) (b) and 706.01 (7r) of the statutes; relating to: the cutoff time for receipt of documents for filing and recording with a register of deeds, federal tax lien forms, and maintenance of county highway registers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county board may enact an ordinance providing that the cutoff time for a register of deeds to receive documents for filing and recording may be one—half hour before the close of an official business day during which a register of deeds office is open to the public in order to allow a register of deeds to complete the processing, recording, and indexing of documents to conform to the day of reception.

Under this bill, a county board may enact an ordinance providing that the cutoff time for a register of deeds to receive documents for filing and recording may be one hour before the close of an official business day during which a register of deeds office is open to the public.

The bill also makes technical changes to the recording of certain real estate, tax lien, and probate documents to facilitate and modernize recording.

Under current law, a county highway commissioner, generally elected by the county board, is responsible, under the direction of the county highway committee,

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for all matters related to the construction and maintenance of county highways. Among other duties, the county highway commissioner must compile and maintain a "county highway register," which is a record of the laying out, alteration, or discontinuance of all highways in the county outside the limits of cities and villages. The county highway register must be kept in the manner or form prescribed by the Department of Transportation (DOT), and the information contained in the county highway register must be placed in the county register of deeds' office, but must be kept separate from the records of real estate and may not be included in the county register of deeds' indexes. The county highway register is not part of the official real estate records maintained by the county register of deeds.

This bill eliminates the requirement that information contained in a county highway register be kept in the county register of deeds' office. Instead, information contained in a county highway register must be kept together in a location within the county that provides a safe repository for records as determined by the county board and must be accessible to the public. The county highway register must also still be kept in the manner or form prescribed by DOT.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 59.20 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.20 (3) (c) Any board may, by ordinance, provide that the cutoff reception time for the filing and recording of documents shall be advanced by one—half one hour in any official business day during which time the register of deeds office is open to the public, in order to complete the processing, recording, and indexing to conform to the day of reception. Any register of deeds may provide in his or her notice under s. 19.34 (1) that requests for inspection or copying of the records of his or her office may be made only during a specified period of not less than 35 hours per week. For all other purposes, the register of deeds office shall remain open to the public during usual business hours.

SECTION 2. 59.43 (2m) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

59.43 (2m) (d) 4. Federal income tax lien form 688 (Y) (c).

Section 3. 70.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

70.27 (3) (a) Reference to any land, as it appears on a recorded assessor's plat is deemed sufficient for purposes of assessment and taxation. Conveyance may be made by reference to such plat and shall be as effective to pass title to the land so described as it would be if the same premises had been described by metes and bounds. Such plat or record thereof shall be received in evidence in all courts and places as correctly describing the several parcels of land therein designated. After an assessor's plat has been made and recorded with the register of deeds as provided by this section, all conveyances of lands included in such assessor's plat shall be by reference to such plat. Any instrument dated and acknowledged after September 1, 1955, purporting to convey or, mortgage any such lands except by reference to such, or otherwise give notice on interest in land that is within or part of an assessor's plat shall not be recorded by the register of deeds describe the affected land by the name of the assessor's plat, lot, block, or outlot.

Section 4. 83.01 (7) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.01 (7) (g) The county commissioner shall compile and maintain a record of the laying out, alteration, or discontinuance of all highways in the county outside the limits of cities and villages. The record shall be known as the county highway register and be kept in the manner or form prescribed by the department. The county highway commissioner or agents shall have access to the records of town clerks and may have temporary custody of such as are necessary for the purpose of making accurate and appropriate copies thereof. The department shall assist in the compilation of the records and shall furnish to the county highway commissioner such information as the department deems appropriate relative to the laying out of military, territorial, and such other roads as have been authorized by the legislature.

The information contained in the county highway register shall be placed in the county register of deeds' office, which records shall be kept separate and apart from the records of real estate and shall in no event be indexed in indexes provided for ordinary real estate conveyance. Such register of deeds' office shall be used solely as a safe repository for such county highway register and shall never be considered a part of the official real estate records kept together in a location within the county that provides a safe repository for records as determined by the county board and shall be accessible to the public. Such county highway register may be supplemented from time to time by the county highway commissioner and such supplemental information is to be treated in the same fashion as the original county highway register all of which shall be admissible in evidence.

Section 5. 236.25 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.25 (2) (a) It is on muslin-backed white paper 22 inches wide by 30 inches long and bears a department certification of no objection or it is reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 mil thickness, a permanent nonfading black image on durable white media that is 22 inches wide by 30 inches long, complies with the requirements of s. 59.43 (2m) (b) 4, and bears a department certification of no objection. Seals or signatures reproduced on images complying with this paragraph shall be given the force and effect of original signatures and seals;

Section 6. 236.295 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 236.295 (2) (a).

Section 7. 236.295 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

236.295 **(2)** (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), in a county that maintains a tract index pursuant to s. 59.43 (12m), a correction may be made by reference in the tract index to the plat or certified survey map.

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Section 8. 236.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.34 (1) (c) The map shall be prepared in accordance with s. 236.20 (2) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (L) and (3) (b), (d), and (e) at a graphic scale of not more than 500 feet to an inch, which shall be shown on each sheet showing layout features. The map shall be prepared with a binding margin 1.5 inches wide and a 0.5 inch margin on all other sides on durable white paper 8 1/2 inches wide by 14 inches long with nonfading black image or reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 mil thickness which media that is 8 1/2 inches wide by 14 inches long with a permanent nonfading black image. When more than one sheet is used for any map, each sheet shall be numbered consecutively and shall contain a notation giving the total number of sheets in the map and showing the relationship of that sheet to the other sheets. "CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP" shall be printed on the map in prominent letters with the location of the land by government lot, recorded private claim, quarter-quarter section, section, township, range and county noted. Seals or signatures reproduced on images complying with this paragraph shall be given the force and effect of original signatures and seals.

Section 9. 703.11 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

703.11 (2) (d) All survey maps and floor plans submitted for filing shall be legibly prepared with a binding margin of 1.5 inches on the left side and a one–inch margin on all other sides on durable white paper 14 inches in length and 22 inches in width with nonfading black image or reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 millimeter thickness and media that is 14 inches long by 22 inches wide with a permanent nonfading black image. The maps and plans shall be drawn to a convenient scale.

property lister.

SECTION 10. 706.01 (7r) of the statutes is created to read:
706.01 (7r) "Legal description" means a description of a specific parcel of real
estate that is described in one of the following ways, whichever is appropriate:
(a) By one of the ways under s. 66.0217 (1) (c).
(b) By condominium name, unit number, and appurtenance number in a
platted condominium development.
Section 11. 867.045 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:
867.045 (1) (j) In the case of real property, a copy of the property tax bill for the
year preceding the year of the decedent's death and a legal description of the
property, which description shall be imprinted on or attached to the application. The
register of deeds shall record the bill. The required recording of the property tax bill
may be waived by an agreement between the register of deeds and the county real
property lister.
Section 12. 867.046 (2) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:
867.046 (2) (i) In the case of real property, a copy of the property tax bill for the
year preceding the year of the decedent's death and a legal description of the
property, which description shall be imprinted on or attached to the application. The
register of deeds shall record the bill. The required recording of the property tax bill
may be waived by an agreement between the register of deeds and the county real